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In re Application of:

Eugene P. Marsh

Serial No.: 09/651,620

Filed: August 30, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR THE FORMATION OF
RuSi_xO_y-CONTAINING BARRIER LAYERS
FOR HIGH-k DIELECTRICS

Examiner: H. Vu

Group Art Unit: 2811

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Dear Sir:

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, claims 1 through 43 and 59 through 66, without traverse.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on August 30, 2000 and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant's undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on April 5, 2001, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant's undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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